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In re: Application Ser. No. 85177865
Published: March 15, 2011 in the Official Gazette
Applicant: Jeff Hill
Mark: DUCK BLIND WINERY

DUCKHORN WINE COMPANY,

Opposer,

v.

JEFF HILL,

Applicant.

Opposition No. 91200684

ANSWER TO OPPOSITION

Commissioner for Trademarks
P.O. Box 1451
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

COMES NOW, Jeff Hill, Applicant for registration of mark DUCK BLIND WINERY, Application No. 85177865 (hereinafter, "Applicant") and answers the above-referenced Opposition filed by Duckhorn Wine Company as follows:

1. Answering Paragraph 1 of Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition, Applicant admits the allegations therein.
2. Answering Paragraph 2 of Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition, Applicant admits that the marks referenced within said paragraph are registered in the class of goods referenced. As to the balance of the allegations contained in said paragraph, Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said allegations.
3. Answering Paragraph 3 of Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition, Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations

4. Answering Paragraph 4 of Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition, Applicant denies the allegations therein.

5. Answering Paragraph 5 of Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition, Applicant denies the allegations therein.

6. Answering Paragraph 6 of Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition, Applicant's mark and Opposer's mark are used on identical goods; i.e., grape wine, and that Applicant offers its goods to purchasers or prospective purchasers of Opposer's goods. As to the balance of the allegations contained in said paragraph, Applicant denies the allegations therein.

7. Answering Paragraph 7 of Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition, Applicant denies the allegations herein.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that Duckhorn Wine Company's Opposition be overruled and that registration of the mark DUCK BLIND WINERY, Application No. 85177865 be allowed.

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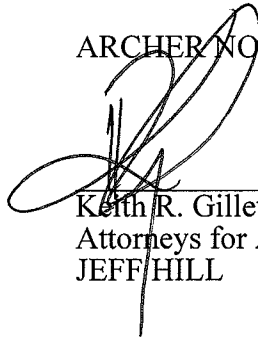
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Respectfully submitted.

Dated: August 18, 2011

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JEFF HILL

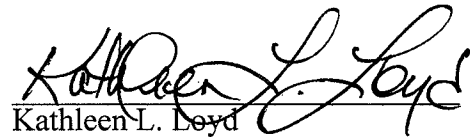
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On August 19, 2011, I served the foregoing **ANSWER TO OPPOSITION** on the party(ies) in said action by depositing a true copy thereof with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, at San Francisco, California, enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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Dated: August 19, 2011


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